

# J.A. Skinner State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

# **SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER PROGRAMS**



All programs are **free** and open to the public. **Meet at the Summit House** unless otherwise noted. The Summit House is located atop Mount Holyoke off Skinner State Park Road. A parking fee may apply. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines, visit <u>Mass.gov/COVID</u> for more guidance. For more information call the park at **(413) 586-0350**.

# Open Weekends & Holidays

## HISTORIC SUMMIT HOUSE, 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

The Summit House was an 1800s hotel. Travelers once came here to relax and enjoy the view. You can do the same today! Features: Exhibits, park information, restrooms and drinking water. Picnicking available on the grounds outside. Open late-May through mid-October.

### **Mondays**

### OUR OWN JURASSIC PARK, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

For all ages. Explore the geologic story of the Mount Holyoke Range, formed and shaped by fire and ice! Experience a dinosaur footprint, or two. **Meet inside the Summit House**.

# Saturdays & Sundays

# SUMMIT HOUSE TOUR, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

For ages 12 and up. Join a park interpreter-guided tour to enliven your summit House visit. Hear the story and vision of John and Fanny French. In the 1800s they offered a novel mountain-top vacation here at the Prospect House. Discover how it changed, and later became a state park. 1-hour tour. **Meet inside the Summit House.** 

## **Saturdays**

# HAWK WATCH, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

For ages 10 and up. Keep your eyes on the sky with a Park Interpreter. Discover more about hawks, their importance to the range, and the annual fall migration. **Meet outside on the Summit House deck.** 

### **Sundays**

### THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

For ages 15 and up. Discover the story of Hudson River School artist Thomas Cole and his famous painting, *The Oxbow*. Compare the same iconic view then and now. **Meet inside the Summit House**.

